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1. AMEMBASSY ROME WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT THE PRESIDENT'S SCIENCE ADVISOR PRESS CONSIDER A STOP IN ROME DURING HIS APRIL VISIT TO EUROPE. THE ROME VISIT WOULD HAVE TWO PURPOSES: A) TO GET THE CCMS SEISMOLOGY PROJECT (PRESUMABLY TO BE APPROVED AT THE MARCH 14-15 CCMS PLENARY) OFF TO A FLYING START; B) TO CALL ATTENTION AGAIN TO OUR CLOSE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL TIES WITH ITALY.

2. IF DR. PRESS WERE FAVORABLE, WE WOULD PROPOSE ARRANGING A PROGRAM THAT MIGHT INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: A PUBLIC LECTURE ON EARTHQUAKE PREDICTION; PRIVATE MEETINGS WITH ITALIANS INVOLVED IN THE CCMS SEISMOLOGY PROJECT; MEETINGS WITH THE NEW MINISTER OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (ANTONIOZZI) AND WITH THE PRESIDENT OF CNR (QUAGLIARELLO). COMING SOON AFTER THE ENTRY INTO OFFICE OF A NEW GOVERNMENT, SUCH A VISIT BY DR. PRESS WOULD SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE THE VISIBILITY OF U.S. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN ITALY AS WELL AS REINVIGORATE OUR EXTENSIVE ONGOING COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS. GARDNER

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